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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1038.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
NOBORU ENDO, et al. : EXAMINER : KUMAR, V.  
SERIAL NO: 10/553,124 :  
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FOR: GENE CAPABLE OF IMPARTING SALT STRESS RESISTANCE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begins on page 2 of this response and include an attached replacement sheets.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this response.

**Support for the Amendments** begin on page 15 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this response.